Grant of licences for manufacturing ..of insecticides etc

fl405. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) tlie names of the technical grade of Insecticides, Fungicides, Harbicides being produced in the country alongwith the names of the manufacturing companies and their installed capacity;

(b) the name$_s$ of the firms alongwith the products Which have been granted letter of intent| Industrial Licences, for manufacturing $_0$t technical grade of Insecticides, Fungicides, Herbicides $_c$tc. during the last .;ars: and

(c) the namei of the parties alongwith the products whose applications are pend ing for grant of tetter of Intent/Industrial Licences foj manufacturing of technical grade of Insecticides, Fungicides, Herbi cides, etc.?

1 MINISTER OF'STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JA1CHANDRA SINGH): Information in reply to parts (a), (b) and (c) is given in the attached statements No. I. *[Sec* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 68]. II *[See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 69] and III *[Se$_e$* Appendix CXLII, An-No. 70].

Government participation *i$_a$* the Hyldia Petro-Chemical complex

f 1406. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will th$_e$ Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconsider their earlier decision and participate in the equity holding of the proposed Haldia Petrochemical Complex sponsored by th$_e$ West Bengal Government; and

(b) if not, what ar$_e$ the reasons therefor?

THE MINISrER OF STATE IN TUB DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Decision was taken and communicated to the State Government of West Bengal on 6.7.84 that it would not be possible for the Central Government to participate in this project owing to resource constraints. The position remains the same.

Import of technology

1407. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY' be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have recently announced measures to liberalise import of technology and investment from abroad for further development of India's indus trial capabilities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof,' indicating the reasons for import thereof from foreign countries;

(c) what are the names of new foreign companies which have shown 'heir interest to instal industries in India; 'and

(d) what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN **THE** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M.'ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Government had rece-. ntly enhanced the delegated powers of the Administrative Ministries to accord approvals for foreign collaboration proposals. Under the. new procedure an Administrative Ministry can now decide the foreign collaboration proposals which do not involve foreign exchange outgo of more than Rs. one crorc, i$_n$ the aggregate, in terms of knowhow and royalty as compared to Rs. 50 Vakhs earlier. Besides, as a further liberalisation of import of techno logy, Government have decided to allow higher rate of royalty and foreign equity in Indian companies where technology if sophisticated and closely guarded.

†Previously Unstarred Question 824, transferred from 24th April, 1987.

† Previously Unstarred Question 713 : transferred from the 23rd April, 1987.